

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 0365

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PGOV, BQG  
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF DECEMBER BRUNET-ABRASIMOV LUNCHEON LEAK OUT

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1. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, NORMALLY FRENCH WOULD HAVE SENT US AN  
INTRA-BERLIN MESSAGE TELLING WHAT HAPPENED. IN THIS CASE  
THEY HAVE SENT SHORT MESSAGE SAYING WITH REGRET THAT BECAUSE  
OF THEIR AMBASSADOR'S PARTICULAR INTEREST IN AFFAIR, THEY  
ARE FOR PRESENT PRECLUDED FROM INFORMING OTHERS ABOUT  
KHOTULEV CALL.

2. FRENCH MINISTER (LANDY) HOWEVER TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE  
YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS HE WHO RECEIVED KHOTULEV AND THAT  
LATTER MADE STRONG PITCH TO EFFECT THAT HIS AMBASSADOR  
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HAD BEEN MISQUOTED AND THAT FRENCH AS OBVIOUS SOURCE  
OF LEAK (IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER) SHOULD PUT OUT  
CORRECTION. KHOTULEV SAID THAT THE QUOTATION WAS IN  
FACT A SORT OF FAKED COMPOSITE, WITH BITS AND PIECES  
SAID BY ABRASIMOV IN DIFFERENT CONTEXTS PUT TOGETHER  
TO CREATE QUITE A FALSE IMPRESSION OF WHAT ABRASIMOV  
HAD MEANT. LANDY TOLD KHOTULEV ONLY THAT HE WOULD

CONVEY WHAT LATTER HAD SAID TO AMBASSADOR BRUNET.

3. COMMENT: ONE CAN WELL UNDERSTAND FRENCH PREFERENCE FOR CLOSE-HOLDING THIS HOT POTATO UNTIL THEY FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH IT. THEIR DILEMMA IS COMPLEX, SINCE THEY ARE IN EFFECT BEING ACCUSED NOT ONLY OF LEAKING BUT OF FALSIFYING THE LEAK, AND SOVS SEEM TO WANT THEM TO MAKE PUBLIC AMENDS FOR THEIR SINS. THIS IS RATHER UNLIKELY BUT AT LEAST LANDY GAVE NO INDICATION OF HOW HE THOUGHT FRENCH MIGHT DECIDE TO PLAY IT. GEORGE

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